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## PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

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### UNITED STATES.

#### *Investigation of leprosy in Hawaii, with special reference to its care and treatment.*

The following bill passed both houses of Congress at its last session and was signed by the President:

A BILL To provide for the investigation of leprosy, with special reference to the care and treatment of lepers in Hawaii.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That when the territorial government of Hawaii shall cede to the United States in perpetuity a suitable tract of land one mile square, more or less, on the leper reservation at Molokai, Hawaii, there shall be established thereon a hospital station and laboratory of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service of the United States for the study of the methods of transmission, cause, and treatment of leprosy.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause the erection upon such site of suitable and necessary buildings for the purposes of this act, at a cost not to exceed the sum herein appropriated for such purpose.

SEC. 3. That for the purposes of this act the Surgeon-General, through his accredited agent, is authorized to receive at such station such patients afflicted with leprosy as may be committed to his care under legal authorization of the Territory of Hawaii, not to exceed forty in number to be under treatment at any time, said patients to remain under the jurisdiction of the said Surgeon-General, or his agent, until returned to the proper authorities of Hawaii.

SEC. 4. That the Surgeon-General of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service of the United States is authorized to detail or appoint, for the purposes of these investigations and treatment, such medical officers, acting assistant surgeons, pharmacists, and employees as may be necessary for said purpose.

SEC. 5. That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the erection of necessary buildings and other equipment; and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for maintenance and pay of all officers and employees during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and six.

SEC. 6. That the Surgeon-General of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service shall, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, make and adopt regulations for the administration and government of the hospital station and laboratory and for the management and treatment of all patients of such hospital.

SEC. 7. That when any commissioned or noncommissioned officer of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service is detailed for duty at the leprosarium herein provided for, he shall receive, in addition to the pay and allowances of his grade, one-half the pay of said grade and such allowances as may be provided for by the Surgeon-General of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

*Assumption of the quarantine function in all the ports of the State of Oregon by the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.*

The legislature of the State of Oregon having abolished the functions of the State quarantine service and passed a concurrent joint resolution asking that the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service take charge of those functions in that State upon May 20, 1905, the Service has, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved February 15, 1893, and with the approval of the honorable the Secretary of the Treasury, agreed to undertake the operation of the quarantine service in that State upon the date mentioned, as will be shown by the following correspondence:

[Twenty-third regular session Oregon legislature.]

SENATE BILL No. 4.

A BILL for an act to repeal sections 3906, 3907, 3908, 3909, 3910, and 3911 of Bellinger and Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Oregon.

*Be it enacted by the people of the State of Oregon,* That sections 3906, 3907, 3908, 3909, 3910, and 3911 of Bellinger and Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Oregon be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

NOTE.—The above-noted sections are those referring to the quarantine laws of the State of Oregon.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21.

(Introduced by Senator R. A. Booth.)

Whereas by act of the legislature of Oregon, sitting in twenty-third biennial session, the law providing for State health officers at the ports of Astoria, Yaquina, Gardiner, and Coos Bay, was repealed; and

Whereas the action of the legislature in so doing was influenced by the promise of the General Government that health officers from the United States Public Health and Marine-Hospital Corps would be located at such ports; and

Whereas it is of the utmost importance for the protection of the health of the people of the State of Oregon that early action be taken by the Federal Government to the end that health officers of the